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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Vince,

Looking forward to having you here with us in just a few weeks. As always, I have a menu of ideas for possible exploration. Would you think them over and we'll talk when you arrive:

- ° Given the inherent uncertainty of the future and the inevitable effect that has on the Intelligence Community, i.e., demands placed on it, tools available to it, etc., are there any studies we should be doing, consultive procedures we should be establishing or preparations we should be making to be better able to adapt to these changes as they occur?
 - Revisit NFAC analysis. Trends? Changes? Suggestions?
- Look at the fundamental criticisms and misconceptions about the Agency and myself which continue to appear in the press, e.g., politicization of intelligence; poor analysis; discontent; weakened overseas operations, etc. Develop a strategy (not a PR campaign) laying out substantive actions I can take during the next few months which will effectively refute those which are inaccurate or, for those which are accurate, demonstrate that the situation is dramatically changing for the better.
- ° What do you see as the three or four most important initiatives I should take over the next six months? Why? How to go about them?
- ° What are the most significant organizational or procedural weaknesses preventing the IC staff from carrying out the Community responsibilities assigned to the DCI in E.O. 12036 (Sec. 1-6)? Given the realities of existing department/agency relationships, what might be done unilaterally, or through concessions which might reasonably be achievable, which would enhance the DCI's capability through the IC staff to manage the whole Community?

Best to Anne, and see you soon.

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Yours.

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